

02-04-3

1/1/03 3700 # 10/05B/30 (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to:

Address to: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, DC 20231

spond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OIVIB control number.	
Application Number	09/912,755
Filing Date	July 24, 2001
First Named Inventor	J. M. Milliorn
Group Art Unit	3722
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Attorney Docket No.	HO-P02166US0

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114		
a. Previously submitted		
i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).		
ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on		
iii. Other		
b. x Enclosed	RECEIVED	
i. x Amendment/Reply	FEB 0 6 2003	
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) TECHNOLOGY CENTER		
iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)		
iv. Other		
2. Miscellaneous		
a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under	37 CFR 1.103(c) for	
a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee up	nder 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)	
b. Other		
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.	*	
a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to		
Deposit Account No.	l '	
i. x RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)		
ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)		
iii. Other		
b. x Check in the amount of \$ 375.00 enclosed		
c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)	7	
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED		
Name (Print/Type) Diana M. Sangalli Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	40,798	
Signature Date Feb	ruary 3, 2003	
PPOT	166	

Request for Continued Examination

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EU110400544US, in an envelope addressed to: Box RCE, Commissioner for Petents, Washington, DC 20231, on the date shown below.

Dated: February 3, 2003

Signature: Obu Zullus

_ (Naomi Serbantez)

(Naomi Serbantez)

PTO/SB/17 (01-03) Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0032 Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Complete if Known FEE TRANSMITTAL 09/912,755 Application Number July 24, 2001 Filing Date for FY 2003 First Named Inventor J. M. Milliorn Patent fees are subject to annual revision. Not Yet Assigned **Examiner Name** 3722 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 Group Art Unit TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT Attorney Docket No. HO-P02166US0 375.00 METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply) FEE CALCULATION (continued) Check Other None 3. ADDITIONAL FEES X Orde Deposit Account Large Entity Small Entity Deposit 06-2375 Account **Fee Description** (\$) Code Code (\$) Fee Paid Deposit 1051 130 2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover 1052 50 2052 25 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply) sheet. X Credit any overpayments Charge fee(s) indicated below 1053 130 1053 130 Non-English specification Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this 1812 2.520 1812 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination х Requesting publication of SIR prior to 9201 1804 1804 920* Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee Examiner action Requesting publication of SIR after to the above-identified deposit account. 1805 1.840 1805 1.8401 Examiner action **FEE CALCULATION** 1251 2251 110 55 Extension for reply within first month 1. BASIC FILING FEE 1252 2252 Extension for reply within second month 410 205 Small Entity 2253 Large Entity 1253 930 465 Extension for reply within third month Fee 2254 Fee Description 1254 1,450 Extension for reply within fourth month Fee Paid Code (\$) Code (\$) 1001 750 2001 375 Utility filing fee 1255 1.970 2255 985 Extension for reply within fifth month 1002 330 2002 165 Design filing fee 1401 320 2401 160 Notice of Appeal 1402 320 1003 520 2003 260 Plant filing fee 2402 160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal 1004 750 2004 375 Reissue filing fee 1403 280 2403 140 Request for oral hearing 2005 Provisional filing fee 1451 1.510 1.510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding 1005 160 80 1451 1452 2452 Petition to revive - unavoidable 110 55 SUBTOTAL (1) 0.00 1453 1,300 2453 650 Petition to revive - unintentional 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE 1501 1,300 2501 650 Utility issue fee (or reissue) Extra Fee from 1502 470 2502 235 Design issue fee below Fee Paid Claims **Total Claims** 1503 630 2503 315 Plant issue fee Independent Petitions to the Commissioner 1460 1460 130 130 Claims 1807 50 1807 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) Multiple Dependent 1806 180 1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt Large Entity Small Entity Recording each patent assignment per Fee Fee Description 8021 40 8021 40 Code Code (\$) property (times number of properties) Filing a submission after final rejection 2202 Claims in excess of 20 1202 18 9 750 2809 1809 375 (37 ČFR 1.129(a)) 1201 84 2201 42 Independent claims in excess of 3 For each additional invention to be 1810 750 2810 1203 280 2203 140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid examined (37CFR 1.129(b)) 1204 84 2204 42 Reissue independent claims 1801 750 2801 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) 375.00 over original patent Request for expedited examination 1802 900 1802 900 of a design application 1205 18 2205 Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent Other fee (specify) SUBTOTAL (3) (\$) 375.00 SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 0.00 Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid **or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above SUBMITTED BY Complete (if applicable) Registration, No. Name (Print/Type) Diana M. Sangalli 40.798 Telephone (713) 651-5391 (Attorney/Agent) February 3, 2003 Signature Fee Transmittal I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EU110400544US, in

an envelope addressed to: Box RCE, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on the date shown below.

Dated: February 3, 2003